


SOUTHWICK URBAN DISTRICT
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A N N U A L R E P O R T
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1941.

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SOUTHWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

10, Bulkington Avenue,
Worthing.

June 1942.

entlemen,

Annual Report 1941.

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2604, 2314 and 067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics, 1941.

	Southwick.	England & Wales.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	13.2	14.2
Death Rate per 1,000 population	12.7	12.9
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	51	59

Evacuation.

There are a few evacuee children in Southwick.

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:

Scarlet Fever	3	(25 in 1940)
Diphtheria	1	{ 4 " " }
Pneumonia	5	{ 10 " " }
Tuberculosis	12	{ 6 " " }
Measles	18	
Whooping Cough	18	
Erysipelas	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	
Ac. Poliomyelitis	1	

Housing.

There were no new houses erected during 1941.

Bacteriological Samples.

<u>Milk.</u>	<u>No. taken.</u>	<u>No. complying with standard.</u>	<u>No. failing to comply with standard.</u>
Tuberculin Tested	2	1	1
Accredited	4	4	-
Pasteurised	9	8	1
Ordinary	6	3	3

Where the results were not satisfactory appropriate action was taken.

Water.

Two samples from the public supply were examined during the year and both proved satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspector.

I have had a complete report from the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Trevethick, as in former years, but as this is not required, I do not think it is necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 2050 visits and inspections were made as compared with 2850 in 1940.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved, in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) R. H. WILSHAW.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Southwick Urban District Council.

